

Governor's P-20 Council
Education Pathways Workforce Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 24, 2007 – 10:00 a.m.
Meeting Notes

P-20 Council Members Present: Dr. Jim Zaharis, Dr. David Curd, and Xan Simonson

Others: Cheri St. Arnould, Dr. Malbert Smith, Dr. Otis Fulton, Barbara Border, Dennis Ficus, Helen Bootsma and Karlene Darby

Staff: Debra Raeder, Darcy Renfro, and Erin Hart

1. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions

Co-chair Dr. Jim Zaharis called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. All in attendance introduced themselves.

2. Update on Math Standards Review

Staff indicated that the ATF Committee will be meeting on February 23rd and that staff has been invited to do a presentation on the P-20 Council Recommendations. The ATF will provide information on the articulation agreement regarding math competencies between the Community Colleges and State Universities. Staff also updated the Committee on the possibility of participating in an Alignment Institute with Achieve, Inc. The Alignment Institute will provide three sessions of training, tools and technical assistance for an 8-10 member Alignment Team to review and compare Arizona math standards against the national standards as well as the expectations of Arizona's community colleges and state universities.

3. Review and Discussion: Dual/Concurrent Enrollment

Staff updated the Committee on current legislation regarding dual enrollment. Staff will continue to monitor and provide updates to the Committee on any legislation related to Committee recommendations.

4. Discussion: Senior Year Plus Program (Virginia)

Staff provided the Committee with information on Virginia's Senior Year Plus Program and indicated that representatives from the Virginia Department of Education would be invited to attend the next P-20 Council meeting to discuss this initiative. The Committee requested an opportunity to meet with the Virginia representatives to discuss in detail how they implemented the initiative.

5. Update and Discussion: Career and Technical Education

Barbara Border and members of her staff provided the Committee with an update on the general work of the Career and Technical Education Division of the Department of Education, the FY 2008 CTE Program List ranked by Formula, as well as an overview of the State Plan for a One-Year Transition for Carl D. Perkins CTE Act of 2006, which was presented to the State Board of Education on January 22, 2007.

6. Presentation: Lexile and Quantiles

Dr. Malbert Smith and Dr. Otis Fulton of MetaMetrics presented information on Lexile and Quantiles. The Lexile Framework for Reading is a scientific approach to reading measurement that matches readers to text. The Lexile Framework measures both reader ability and text difficulty on the same scale, called the Lexile scale. MetaMetrics is currently engaged in negotiations with the Arizona Department of Education to perform a Lexile measurement on the AIMS test, and to post this information onto the State Report Card. MetaMetrics is doing the same type of measurement in math called Quantiles. The Committee engaged in lengthy discussion with Dr. Smith and Dr. Fulton regarding this information.

7. Next Steps

Staff will arrange a meeting for the Committee with representatives from Virginia to discuss how Senior Year Plus was implemented. Committee requested information from ADE on the process for CTE Teacher Certification.

8. Call to the Public

There were no requests from the Public to address the Committee.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business or discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.